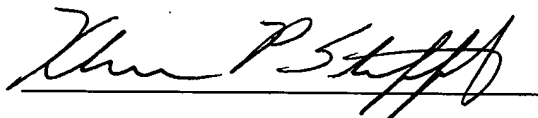


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present Amendment is being submitted simultaneously with the filing of the present application. With this Amendment the applicant has amended the specification, cancelled claims 1-21 and added new claims 22-42, all in effort to place the application in better condition for examination. Also, an replacement sheet of drawings containing Figs. 7 and 8 is enclosed. The figure legend of Fig. 8 has been corrected.

Favourable action on the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Klaus P. Stoffel', written over a horizontal line.

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